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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition of Service"

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 8, 2016

FROM: KELLEY S. FRASER, COMMANDER
SOUTH PATROL DIVISION

TO: MICHAEL E. THATCHER, CAPTAIN
COMPTON STATION

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

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TO: TIMOTHY K. MURAKAMI, CAPTAIN
INDUSTRY STATION

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	
January 6, 2016	Central Patrol Division, Compton Station	Admin. Invest.? ☑ Hit? ☐

Incident Information

URN: 015-09223-2835-055	Date: July 31, 2015 Time: 2127 Hrs
City or Station: Compton	Nature of Incident: Deps involved in vehicle pursuit of stolen car. At location/end of pursuit, two suspects ran and deps gave foot pursuit. One suspect fired at Dep.[redacted] during foot pursuit. DIS then occurred.
Location: [redacted] West Laurel Street, Compton 90220	

Location Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☑ Parking Lot
- ☑ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other:

Lighting (check only one):
- ☑ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☑ Other
- ☑ Street Lights

Weather (circle only one):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: Approx. 25 yards

Incident Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☑ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☑ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (check only one):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (check only one):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
4	2

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
[redacted]	Aviles	David	NMN	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Gonsalves	Edward	S.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Covarrubias	Omar	F.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	De Jung	Steven	R.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Boling	Greg	P.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Lucio	Mark	A.

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Officer Involved Shooting

N: 015-09223-2835-055

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
07/31/15	2330	01/06/16	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Smith	Jeffrey	B.
[redacted]	Knight	Jeffrey	B.
[redacted]	Carter	Quitman	V.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	FH	UNK	40			NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	NN	

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 015-09223-2835-055

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Sex [redacted] Race: [redacted]	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: [redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: [redacted] Weight: [redacted]			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: S%W Caliber 9 # Shots 4		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. -
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

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ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
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Age: Height: Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Age: Height: Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
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Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 015-09223-2835-055

Suspect Information

S 1

Field	Value
Last Name	SaldanaDuran
First Name	Angel
M.I.	M.
AKA Last Name	"Weasel"
AKA First Name	
AKA M.I.	
Sex	M
Race	H
Street Address	[redacted]
City	[redacted]
State & Zip Code	[redacted]
Work Phone	[redacted]
Home Phone	[redacted]
Social Security #	[redacted]
Driver's License #	[redacted]
Age	18
D.O.B.	11-21-96
Height	5-11
Weight	145
FBI #	[redacted]
CII #	[redacted]
Booking #	4402293
Primary Charge	664/187(a) PC
Secondary Charge	29800(a)(1) PC
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Armed?	☑
Apprehended?	☑
Mental Illness?	☐
Criminal History?	[redacted]
Vehicle Make	Honda
Model	Civic
Year	1992
Parole	[redacted]
Probation	[redacted]
Prior Felony Conviction	[redacted]

S 2

Field	Value
Last Name	Avalos
First Name	Christopher
M.I.	P.
AKA Last Name	"Rabbit"
AKA First Name	
AKA M.I.	
Sex	M
Race	H
Street Address	[redacted]
City	[redacted]
State & Zip Code	[redacted]
Work Phone	[redacted]
Home Phone	[redacted]
Social Security #	[redacted]
Driver's License #	[redacted]
Age	19
D.O.B.	05-17-96
Height	5-08
Weight	155
FBI #	[redacted]
CII #	[redacted]
Booking #	4402296
Primary Charge	25850 PC
Secondary Charge	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Armed?	☑
Apprehended?	☑
Mental Illness?	☐
Criminal History?	[redacted]
Vehicle Make	Honda
Model	Civic
Year	1992
Parole	[redacted]
Probation	[redacted]
Prior Felony Conviction	[redacted]

S

Last Name: First Name: M.I.:
AKA Last Name: First Name: M.I.:
Sex: Race: Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:
Work Phone: Home Phone: Social Security #: Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B. Height: Weight: FBI #: CII #:
Booking #: Primary Charge: Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐ Coroner Case #: Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ Substance Used:
Armed? ☐ Apprehended? ☐ Mental Illness? ☐ Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: Model: Year: Parole: Probation: Prior Felony Conviction:

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AKA Last Name: First Name: M.I.:
Sex: Race: Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:
Work Phone: Home Phone: Social Security #: Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B. Height: Weight: FBI #: CII #:
Booking #: Primary Charge: Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐ Coroner Case #: Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ Substance Used:
Armed? ☐ Apprehended? ☐ Mental Illness? ☐ Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: Model: Year: Parole: Probation: Prior Felony Conviction:

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **On-Duty, Non-Hit Shooting**

IAB FILE NUMBERS: **SH 2383665**

URN#: **015-09223-2835-055**

DATE/TIME: **July 31, 2015, 2127 hours**

LOCATION: **[redacted] West Laurel Street, Compton, CA 92880**

SYNOPSIS

On July 31, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant Quitman Carter and Sergeants Jeffrey Smith and Todd Knight, responded to a command post established by Compton Station patrol units at 741 West Compton Boulevard, Compton, regarding an on-duty non-hit shooting.

Deputies [redacted] and Aviles were working Unit [redacted] in a marked, Sheriff's Department patrol car. Deputy [redacted] was driving and Deputy Aviles was the passenger. They were travelling west on 153rd Street near Tajauta Avenue and noticed a white Honda Civic drive past them with two male occupants (Suspects Saldana-Duran and Avalos). A records check of the license plate revealed that the car was stolen. Deputies [redacted] and Aviles attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle. The vehicle, which initially yielded, drove off and a short pursuit ensued. The suspects stopped at the front entrance of an apartment complex ([redacted] Apartments) and jumped out of the vehicle while it was still rolling slowly toward the security guard [redacted] The unoccupied vehicle ultimately collided with the guard [redacted]

Suspect Saldana-Duran exited from the driver's side of the vehicle and ran south through the exit (East side) side of the guard [redacted] Deputy [redacted] noticed immediately that Suspect Saldana-Duran had a gun in his hand and yelled to his partner that the suspect had a gun. Deputy [redacted] ran after him into the apartment complex followed by an assisting unit, Deputy Gonsalves. As the suspect ran and turned south, then east, around a couple of apartment buildings, Deputy [redacted] followed at a distance keeping visual contact of him. Deputy [redacted] heard a gunshot as he neared the corner of building '[redacted]" He returned fire at the suspect, shooting four rounds from his duty weapon. When Deputy

[redacted] attempted to see where the suspect had ran, he did not see him any longer. He then broadcast the shooting over his handheld radio and ceased his tracking of the suspect. Deputy [redacted] authored a supplemental report of his actions (Refer to **Exhibit D**).

The suspect was located and arrested a short time later in a neighborhood, south of the apartment complex, by Special Enforcement Bureau deputies. The suspect was found hiding in a trash can.

The passenger suspect, Suspect Avalos, exited the passenger's door and ran south through the entrance (west side) side of the security guard [redacted] Deputy Aviles, along with assisting unit, Deputy Covarrubias, followed Suspect Avalos as he ran in the opposite direction of Suspect Saldana-Duran. Suspect Avalos was eventually arrested without incident, inside apartment [redacted] A Sheriff's Department crime, arrest and booking report, along with a CHP-180 vehicle impound report, were completed under file number 015-09223-2835-055 (Refer to **Exhibit A**).

IAB Note: Security video footage was obtained from the [redacted] apartment complex. The footage does not show the actual shooting. Some camera angles captured portions of the vehicle pursuit termination and foot pursuit (Refer to **CD/DVD #1**).

A canvass of the residents at the [redacted] apartment complex was conducted in order to identify potential witnesses and or locate evidence. Several deputies who conducted the canvass of the area, submitted supplemental reports (Refer to **Exhibit B**).

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted], Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
[redacted]

Work History

Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date Assigned to Patrol/[redacted] [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]

Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

- Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
- ASP Expandable baton

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Angel Saldana-Duran *(Driver-Shooter)*
Male, Hispanic, DOB: November 21, 1996, 5'05", 130 pounds
[redacted]
CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

Christopher Avalos *(Passenger)*
Male, Hispanic, DOB: May 17, 1996, 5'08", 155 pounds
[redacted]
CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Saldana-Duran's and Suspect Aviles' criminal history is included with this case book (See **Miscellaneous Documents**).

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

None

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence located was collected by the Sheriff's Department Crime Lab. Forensic Identification Specialists David Alonso and Erika Di Palma from the Sheriff's Crime Lab responded to the location the day of the incident and processed the scene (See **CD/DVD #3-5; Crime Lab Photos** and **EXHIBIT C; Crime Lab Reports**).

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Four hours transpired from the shooting to IAB Investigator's observations.

IAB Lieutenant Carter checked to see that the watch commander, Lieutenant Mark Lugo, took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved employee, Deputy [redacted] and witness personnel, did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, and that the involved employee and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Carter checked to see if the watch commander attempted to have involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

The scene is described as a large apartment complex with multiple buildings. The main entrance is on Laurel Street with a [redacted] and controlled iron gates at the entrance. An eight to nine foot steel iron fence encompasses the property.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] fired four rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith and Wesson M and P, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Anny Wu of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional (Refer to **EXHIBIT C**).

Deputy Aviles did not fire his weapon (Department issued Smith and Wesson M and P, semiautomatic pistol) however, his firearm was held as evidence by Sheriff's Crime Lab personnel the date of the incident. The firearm was also examined by Senior Criminalist Anny Wu of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional (Refer to **EXHIBIT C**).

Four expended 9mm casings were recovered at the scene in the area where Deputy [redacted] stated he fired. No jacketed projectiles were recovered from the scene (Refer to **EXHIBIT C**).

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT SALDANA-DURAN

Suspect Saldana-Duran fired at Deputy [redacted] with a 40 caliber semi-automatic pistol, which was thrown away along the path of escape, as Suspect Saldana-Duran fled the scene.

The firearm used by Suspect Saldana-Duran was thrown as he ran near apartment number [redacted]. During his interview with OSS detectives, Suspect Saldana-Duran admitted to discarding the weapon near apartment [redacted] before

he jumped over the south wall of the complex and hid in the adjacent residential neighborhood.

Upon canvassing the area residents for possible witnesses, Deputy J. Ortiz spoke to [redacted] who resides in apartment [redacted] She told Deputy Ortiz that she saw a male Black pick up the gun from the ground and walk away with it. The gun was not recovered (Refer to **Exhibit B;** *Supplemental Report by Deputy J. Ortiz*).

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT SALDANA-DURAN

A vehicle was struck by one round fired by Suspect Saldana-Duran. The vehicle was a 2015 Ford Flex, license number, [redacted] which was parked facing south in the parking lot, near apartment [redacted] The damage was to the hood (Bullet skip strike) and a bullet hole to the front windshield. No other bullet strikes were located. The security guard [redacted] sustained minor damage from the suspect's vehicle colliding with it (Refer to **Exhibit A;** *CHP-180 Report*).

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the shooting was handled by Detectives Scott Lawler, Edgar Solano, and [redacted] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Operations Safe Streets (OSS) - Compton Station.

Suspect Saldana-Duran took a plea deal with the District Attorney's Office and was sentenced to 34 years in prison. Suspect Avalos also took a plea deal and was sentenced to 19 years in prison.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The scene was illuminated by overhead street lights and apartment complex parking lot lighting at the location. The weather was clear and mild.

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

Operation Safe Streets (OSS) detectives interviewed Suspects Saldana-Duran and Avalos at Compton Station following the incident. The below narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions included in this case book. OSS Detective Edgar Solano Authored a supplemental report summarizing the interviews of both suspects (Refer to ***Exhibit L****).*

Suspect Angel Saldana-Duran

Suspect Saldana-Duran was interviewed by O.S.S Detectives Edgar Solano and [redacted] on August 1, 2015, at Compton Station. The interview was digitally audio recorded.

Suspect Saldana-Duran said he had stolen a car (White Honda Civic) from an area near the beach, a couple hours prior to the incident. He said he picked up Suspect Avalos and they were driving on 153rd Street in Compton when sheriff's deputies got behind them. He said he initially pulled over and stopped, but then drove off to get away. He said he thought he could lose the deputies.

Suspect Saldana-Duran said that while they were driving from the deputies, he first tried to give the gun to Suspect Avalos to shoot at the deputies but Suspect Avalos told him he would not shoot. Suspect Saldana-Duran then took the gun back and pointed the gun at the deputies while driving because he "didn't give a fuck." He said he did not attempt to fire the weapon at that time.

Suspect Saldana-Duran admitted to detectives that he fired his weapon at the deputies "about three times" while running through the apartment complex. He knew there were two deputies chasing him and he just wanted to scare them. He said he threw the gun away near the last building before he jumped over the south wall of the complex. He added that as he tossed the gun in the air, it hit an object and fell to the ground onto the sidewalk.

He told detectives that he bought the gun in Arizona for $500.00 and that it was a Glock, 40 caliber pistol (Refer to **Exhibit L** – *OSS Supplemental Report*).

Suspect Christopher Avalos

Suspect Saldana-Duran was interviewed by O.S.S Detectives Edgar Solano and [redacted] on August 1, 2015, at Compton Station. The interview was digitally audio recorded.

Suspect Avalos said he was picked up by Suspect Saldana-Duran. He did not know the car was stolen. He said they were driving in Compton when deputies drove up behind them. He said Suspect Saldana-Duran initially pulled over, but then drove off.

Suspect Avalos said Suspect Saldana-Duran pulled a gun from his waistband and gave it to him, telling him to shoot at the deputies. Suspect Avalos told him no and gave the gun back to him. He said he saw Suspect Saldana-Duran pointing the gun at the deputies as he made turns while driving away from the deputies.

When the car approached the guard [redacted] at the [redacted] Apartments, Suspect Avalos said he jumped out of the car and ran through the pedestrian gate and then turned right. He then heard gunshots from a distance. Suspect Avalos said he went into apartment [redacted] because he said he knew one person (female) at the location (NFD). He said the others in the house were scared. The deputies then came into the house a few minutes later and arrested him (Refer to **Exhibit L** – *OSS Supplemental Report*).

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed reports authored by Department personnel and determined they were consistent with their IAB Administrative Force Review interviews.

Involved Employee Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Jeffrey Smith and Todd Knight on August 13, 2015, at 1131 hours. The interview was conducted at the IAB offices in Commerce, California. Deputy [redacted] was represented by Attorney Mitchell Kander from the Law Firm of Green and Shinee. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed.

Deputy [redacted] submitted a supplemental report at the direction of supervisors following the incident (Refer to **Exhibit D**). He was provided an opportunity to review his written report prior to the interview

Deputy [redacted] said he and his partner, Deputy David Aviles, were driving their marked patrol vehicle west on 153rd Street from Tajauta Avenue. Deputy [redacted] was driving. Deputy [redacted] said the suspect vehicle passed them traveling east on 153rd Street. He said he read the license plate to his partner who entered the information into their Mobile Digital Computer (MDC). The return on the license plate came back as a stolen vehicle.

Deputy [redacted] stated he turned their car around and as they began to follow the suspect vehicle it turned south on Tajauta Avenue and then west on 154th Street and pulled over to the north curb and stopped. Simultaneously, Deputy Aviles requested assistance over the radio and prepared to broadcast a "Code 9" when the vehicle stopped. Deputy [redacted] stated he had not activated his overhead emergency lights prior to the suspect vehicle stopping and he stated that he thought, in his mind, was a bit odd. As he drove up to the stopped suspect vehicle he purposely activated his lights to let the occupants know it was his intention to detain them and that they were not free to leave.

Deputy [redacted] said he stopped his car and a second later, the suspect vehicle drove off, heading west on 154th Street. They began to pursue the vehicle while broadcasting the pursuit over the radio. Unbeknownst to Deputy Aviles, he was broadcasting the pursuit with the car's radio and microphone, which was set to "L-Tac" and not the working frequency, Dispatch 9. Deputy [redacted] stated he remembered the dispatcher from the Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) made the adjustment and connected the working frequency with the L-Tac frequency (Duplex Patch). He said he heard SCC say they were on, "the Patch" and had asked for their status.

Deputy [redacted] stated they followed the suspect vehicle as it turned southbound onto Central Avenue and then east on 156th Street, through a red signal. Deputy [redacted] stated he observed the suspect vehicle swerving all over the road as it travelled on 156th Street and almost hit a pedestrian near the north curb. The suspect vehicle turned north (left) onto Wilmington Avenue without stopping at the stop sign. He stated the suspect vehicle nearly struck a motorcycle as it crossed through the intersection. The suspect vehicle then turned eastbound (right) on Laurel Street travelling about a half block to the entrance of the [redacted] Apartments (Location). Deputy [redacted] said he maintained a distance of approximately six to eight car lengths behind the suspect vehicle during the pursuit.

IAB Note: The pursuit travelled a course of approximately 1.32 miles and lasted about 2 minutes and 21 seconds. The average speed was approximately 33 miles per hour (Refer to **Miscellaneous Documents**).

Deputy [redacted] stated he recognized that there were two suspects in the vehicle. He said he did not see anything thrown from the vehicle during the pursuit and he did not see, or have any additional information, that the suspects had a gun with them.

Deputy [redacted] stated he and Deputy Aviles did not have any discussion regarding what they would do tactically at the end of the pursuit if the suspects ran from them. He did explain that over the course of time, while they worked as partners together, they would talk about tactical and pursuit situations in general, but they did not discuss this situation in particular or what they would do at the end of the pursuit.

Deputy [redacted] said as the suspect vehicle approached the guard [redacted] at the entrance to the apartment complex, it slowed down, but was heading straight toward the guard [redacted] He said he saw the doors open and he focused his attention on the driver (Suspect Saldana-Duran) as he exited the car. Deputy [redacted] said the suspect vehicle was still slowly rolling forward when Suspect Saldana-Duran exited the car. Deputy [redacted] had stopped the radio car

approximately a car length behind and to the left of the suspect vehicle. He was still inside the radio car when the suspect initially exited the car.

Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect turn towards him, square his body to him, and raise both his arms in his direction, while holding a gun with both hands at chest level. Deputy [redacted] said at this point he was transitioning from being seated in the car, to standing up in the apex of his car door and was simultaneously drawing his weapon. He saw the suspect's gun, which he recognized as a large semi-automatic pistol, lung forward while pointed at him, as if attempting to fire, but it did not discharge. Deputy [redacted] stated he did not have his weapon out yet at this point. He stated he did not hear a "click" (as if it misfired) due to the sirens of the radio car.

Deputy [redacted] explained that he had visual of both suspects in the car, however when the driver (Suspect Saldana-Duran) exited and pointed the gun at him, he focused solely on him and did not see what the passenger (Suspect Avalos) did. He added that he did not see the passenger get out of the car nor see his partner run after him.

Immediately after this occurred, Deputy [redacted] stated he saw the Suspect Saldana-Duran turn and run around the far side (exit side) of the guard [redacted] and south into the complex. He then yelled out to his partner that the suspect had a gun. He said he believed he yelled, "He's got a gun!" Deputy [redacted] said that at this point he made the decision to follow after Suspect Saldana-Duran in order to better track, locate, and contain him because he knew the apartment complex was large and his intention was to narrow the containment. He did not intend to capture him via foot pursuit. He said he followed Suspect Saldana-Duran at a distance of about 20 yards, but that the suspect had a good lead on him.

Deputy [redacted] stated, while he began to run, he broadcasted that he was in foot pursuit, heading south, after a suspect with a gun, in "[redacted]" Deputy [redacted] explained that the Park Village apartment complex is the next complex south of the [redacted] apartment complex. He said he made the location mistake possibly due to adrenaline from having a gun pointed at him.

> **IAB Note:** A review of radio traffic broadcasted during the incident revealed that there was no mention of a foot pursuit by Deputy [redacted] (Refer to **CD/DVD #2**).

When asked if he saw whether or not his partner was running with him, Deputy [redacted] said he thought that another deputy from an assisting unit was with him, although he did not know who. He explained that just as he stopped his radio car behind the suspect vehicle, another radio car pulled up next to them. He believed that a deputy from that second unit was running behind and with him. He did not see what his partner (Deputy Aviles) was doing mainly because,

as he stated, he did not take his eyes off Suspect Saldana-Duran after he pointed the gun at him.

IAB Note: The foot pursuit conducted by Deputy [redacted] lasted approximately ten (10) seconds, a portion of which was captured on video surveillance from the apartment complex security cameras and documented by Compton Station supervisors on a Sheriff's Department Foot Pursuit Evaluation Form (Refer to **CD/DVD #1** and **Miscellaneous Documents**).

Deputy [redacted] said he watched Suspect Saldana-Duran turn left around the first building next to the guard [redacted] (Building [redacted]) and as he made the same turn, he saw Suspect Saldana-Duran turn right around the next building (Building [redacted]). Deputy [redacted] stated as he approached the corner of Building [redacted] he heard a single gunshot and then a moment later he heard three (3) additional gunshots. Deputy [redacted] explained his thought process and actions of tactically, "slicing the pie" as he looked around the corner of Building L to acquire Suspect Saldana-Duran.

IAB Note: Only one 40 caliber shell casing was recovered on the night of the incident, from the area where Suspect Saldana-Duran fired his weapon. A second 40 caliber shell casing was found, and given to OSS detectives the following day. The shell casing was reportedly found by a resident child near the [redacted] building wash room. The shell casing was given to a [redacted] at the complex who, in turn, gave it to the OSS detective (Refer to **Exhibit M**).

Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Saldana-Duran from a distance of approximately 25 yards and aimed for center body mass when he fired four rounds in succession from his duty weapon. He stated he saw Suspect Saldana-Duran clearly, but did not know if he was illuminated by the lights from the apartment complex or from the light mounted on his weapon. He added that he has a pressure grip switch for the gun's light and it had fresh batteries in it.

Deputy [redacted] said he did not see his rounds strike Suspect Saldana-Duran or any surrounding objects or buildings. He stated he did not think he hit Suspect Saldana-Duran at the time. Deputy [redacted] stated he lost sight of Suspect Saldana-Duran after he fired. He also added that he did not follow him beyond the area from where he fired.

When asked why he fired at Suspect Saldana-Duran, Deputy [redacted] said his intention was to stop and/or prevent him from harming him [Deputy [redacted] or anyone else. After Suspect Saldana-Duran attempted to shoot him, and the gunshots he heard, Deputy [redacted] believed the suspect to be a significant

deadly threat to him [Deputy [redacted] and people in the apartment complex. He added that he did not hear any further gunfire.

Deputy [redacted] stated that after he fired his weapon, he scanned the area around him and saw Deputy Gonsalves standing behind him. He told Deputy Gonsalves where he last saw the suspect and told him to hold his position while he broadcast over his portable radio that he had been involved in a shooting (998). He also began a coordinated effort to establish a containment of the suspect.

Deputy [redacted] stated he gave a safety briefing to supervisors and detectives during the next 20-25 minutes following the shooting. He was then escorted back to the station. He was brought back to the location after a couple hours to conduct a field show-up after the suspect had been arrested. Deputy [redacted] positively identified Suspect Saldana-Duran.

Deputy [redacted] was shown a booking photo of Suspect Saldana-Duran during the interview and he identified him as the same person that he pursued and who shot at him that night.

During his interview with IAB investigators, Deputy [redacted] utilized a printed map and made markings on the map to assist in identifying locations and bring clarity to his statements. This map was identified with his name, date, and signature (Refer to **Exhibit H**).

Witness Deputy David Aviles

Witness Deputy David Aviles was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Jeffrey Smith and Todd Knight on August 13, 2015, at 1024 hours. The interview was conducted at the IAB offices in Commerce, California. Deputy Aviles was represented by Attorney Mitchell Kander from the Law Firm of Green and Shinee. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed.

Witness Aviles submitted a supplemental report at the direction of supervisors following the incident (Refer to **Exhibit E**). He was provided an opportunity to review his written report prior to the interview.

Witness Aviles stated he was the passenger deputy ("Bookman") with Deputy [redacted] on July 31, 2015. He gave essentially the same account of the initial observation and vehicle pursuit as Deputy [redacted] during his interview. He added that he entered the suspect vehicle's license plate information into the vehicle's Mobil Digital Computer (MDC) and received the CLETS (California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) return stating it was a stolen vehicle out of Lakewood Station's area that same day.

Witness Aviles explained that the radio car's radio frequency was typically set to "L-Tac" and their portable radios were set to the working frequency, Dispatch 9. He explained that during the time they were initially getting behind the suspect vehicle, in order to conduct a felony vehicle stop, he inadvertently turned the frequency knob one click too far, switching it to Carson Station's "L-Tac," instead of Dispatch 9. Witness Aviles began to broadcast the felony stop information, requesting additional units. The SCC dispatcher discovered the accidental error and connected the L-Tac frequency with Dispatch 9, so Compton units could hear the request and respond.

When the suspect vehicle arrived at the [redacted] Apartments, Witness Aviles saw the driver suspect, Suspect Saldana-Duran, exit the vehicle first. Witness Aviles stated that the suspect vehicle was rolling slowly toward the guard shack as Suspect Saldana-Duran exited the vehicle. Witness Aviles then saw the passenger suspect, Suspect Avalos, exit the front passenger side of the vehicle, and simultaneously heard Deputy [redacted] yell, "He's got a gun!" Witness Aviles said he believed that Deputy [redacted] was referring to the passenger suspect having a gun. He explained that from his experience and training, a passenger suspect usually has the gun and shoots from the passenger side of a car during crimes such as drive-by shootings. He added, however, that he did not see a gun on, or in the hands of, Suspect Avalos.

Witness Aviles said the passenger suspect then ran through the pedestrian gate at the guard [redacted] and south into the apartment complex. Witness Aviles said the suspect ran a short distance and turned right in a westerly direction. He said he chased after the suspect because he thought he had a gun and was a danger to the people in the apartment complex. When asked if he had ever saw the suspect with a gun during the foot pursuit he stated, "No."

Witness Aviles stated he knew a deputy was behind him when he began to chase Suspect Avalos. He added that he knew it was not Deputy [redacted] but was aware that another unit had arrived almost at the same time they did. As Deputy Aviles ran past the suspect vehicle, he said he took a quick glance into the vehicle to ensure there were no other suspects inside.

Witness Aviles said that when he began chasing the suspect, Witness Covarrubias was behind him as they ran through the pedestrian gate. He stated his initial distance from the suspect was about 20-30 feet but that increased significantly after the suspect made the first turn and began running in between parked cars. Witness Aviles said he lost sight of the suspect he was chasing near Building [redacted] and he terminated his foot pursuit. When asked if he broadcasted his foot pursuit over his portable radio he replied, "No."

Witness Aviles stated during the time he was in foot pursuit, he heard gunshots from behind him in two separate volleys. The first shots he heard, were when he was running past the guard shack. He said he heard the second three to four

shots as he was running west after he turned right into the parking lot area. He then heard, over his radio, Deputy [redacted] stating, "998," and he knew at that point, that his partner had been involved in a shooting.

When asked if he knew that his partner was in foot pursuit, he stated that he did not see his partner running after the driver suspect. He reiterated that his focus was on the passenger because of what Deputy [redacted] yelled out about him having a gun.

Witness Aviles said just after he lost sight of Suspect Avalos, residents had come out of their apartments and were pointing towards building [redacted] The residents were telling him that the suspect was inside their apartment with their children and asked the deputies to help them.

Witness Avalos said he and Witness Covarrubias, along with three other deputies, formulated a plan to enter apartment number [redacted] based on the information they had that children were inside the apartment with the suspect. They entered the apartment, found Suspect Avalos in a bedroom hiding, and took him into custody without incident.

During his interview with IAB investigators, Witness Aviles utilized a printed map and made markings on the map to assist in identifying locations and bring clarity to his statements. This map was identified with his name, date and signature (Refer to **Exhibit I**).

Witness Deputy Edward Gonsalves

Witness Edward Gonsalves was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Jeffrey Smith and Todd Knight on August 13, 2015, at 1430 hours. The interview was conducted at the IAB offices in Commerce, California. Witness Gonsalves was represented by Attorney Mitchell Kander from the Law Firm of Green and Shinee. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed.

Witness Gonsalves submitted a supplemental report at the direction of supervisors following the incident (Refer to **Exhibit F**). He was provided an opportunity to review his written report prior to the interview.

Witness Gonsalves said he was working a single-man unit at Compton Station on July 31, 2015. He was in the parking lot area of the station, on duty, when he heard radio traffic regarding a pursuit in the area. Witness Gonsalves said his patrol car was occupied as he was assisting another unit on a call at the station. He saw Witness Covarrubias approaching his car in the parking lot. Witness Gonsalves said he got in the passenger side of the radio car and Witness Covarrubias became the driver in order to respond to the pursuit and assist.

They drove to the area of the [redacted] apartments and saw Deputy [redacted] and Witness Aviles behind the suspect vehicle as it drove up to the guard [redacted] at the apartment entrance. Witness Gonsalves said they parked next to and behind Deputy [redacted] Witness Gonsalves said he did not broadcast anything over the radio while they drove to assist with the pursuit.

Witness Gonsalves said when they arrived, he saw Deputy [redacted] chase after the driver (Suspect Saldana-Duran) on foot, around the far side of the guard [redacted] He also saw the passenger (Suspect Avalos) exit the suspect vehicle and run through the pedestrian gate of the guard shack. He saw Witness Aviles run after Suspect Avalos with Witness Covarrubias following behind them.

Witness Gonsalves said he ran after Witness Aviles and Witness Covarrubias through the passenger gate. As he passed the guard [redacted] he saw that Deputy [redacted] was alone, chasing after Suspect Saldana-Duran. Witness Gonsalves said he changed his direction from south through the gated entrance, to east and around Building [redacted] in order to assist Deputy [redacted] He stated he knew that two deputies were in foot pursuit after Suspect Avalos.

IAB Note: Security video footage was obtained from the [redacted] Cameras are mounted throughout the complex, including the entrance area and the guard [redacted] Video footage captured the end of the vehicle pursuit and beginning of the foot pursuit of both suspects (Refer to **CD/DVD #1**).

Witness Gonsalves said at one point, he heard Deputy [redacted] yell, "He's got a gun!" He did not remember exactly when he heard that statement and that he might have heard it more than once. He said he heard five to eight gunshots in fast succession. He stated he could not differentiate if it was two separate groups of gunshots that he heard, only that it happened very fast.

Witness Gonsalves explained that he saw Deputy [redacted] "On target" with his gun up and pointed away, around the corner of the building, facing in a southern direction. Witness Gonsalves did not see the suspect that Deputy [redacted] was pointing toward. Witness Gonsalves stated he was approximately 25 feet away and to the northwest of Deputy [redacted] when he saw Deputy [redacted] fire at the suspect.

Witness Gonsalves stated that after Deputy [redacted] fired at the suspect, they held their position until additional personnel arrived. He heard Deputy [redacted] broadcast over his radio that he had been involved in a "998."

During his interview with IAB investigators, Witness Gonsalves utilized a printed map and made markings on the map to assist in identifying locations and bring

clarity to his statements. This map was identified with his name, date and signature (Refer to **Exhibit J**).

Witness Deputy Omar Covarrubias

Witness Omar Covarrubias was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Jeffrey Smith and Todd Knight on August 13, 2015, at 1344 hours. The interview was conducted at the IAB offices in Commerce, California. Witness Covarrubias was represented by Attorney Mitchell Kander from the Law Firm of Green and Shinee. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed.

Witness Covarrubias submitted a supplemental report at the direction of supervisors following the incident. He was provided an opportunity to review his written report prior to the interview (Refer to **Exhibit G**).

Witness Covarrubias stated he was on duty as Unit 287D with Deputy Del Castillo and was handling a call for service at Compton Station. He had parked in the rear parking lot. He said he heard radio traffic pertaining to a pursuit. He waited a few seconds for Deputy Del Castillo to exit the rear of the station, but he did not come out. Witness Gonsalves was nearby and got into the radio car as the passenger deputy in order to respond to the pursuit in order to assist.

Witness Covarrubias stated that as he was leaving the station he put out over the radio that he and Witness Gonsalves (As Unit 287D) were one minute away and responding. He said they did not discuss any tactical plans while responding to the pursuit. Witness Covarrubias said he first saw Deputies [redacted] and Witness Aviles near the intersection of Wilmington Avenue and Laurel Street driving behind the suspect vehicle. Witness Covarrubias described it as a white Honda Civic.

When Witness Covarrubias arrived at the terminus of the pursuit, he parked his radio car almost directly in line with, and behind, the suspect vehicle. He said that Deputy [redacted] had parked to his left, flanking the suspect's vehicle. Witness Covarrubias said he fixed his eyes on the passenger suspect, Suspect Avalos, and saw him run through the pedestrian gate and into the apartment complex. He also said he saw Witness Aviles chase after Suspect Avalos. He stated he did not see Deputy [redacted] nor the driver suspect, Suspect Saldana-Duran, run into the complex.

Witness Covarrubias stated he was not aware of what his partner, Witness Gonsalves, was doing at the time he began running with Witness Aviles after Suspect Avalos. He added that he did not communicate with Witness Gonsalves what he was going to do or that he was going to be in foot pursuit with Deputy Aviles.

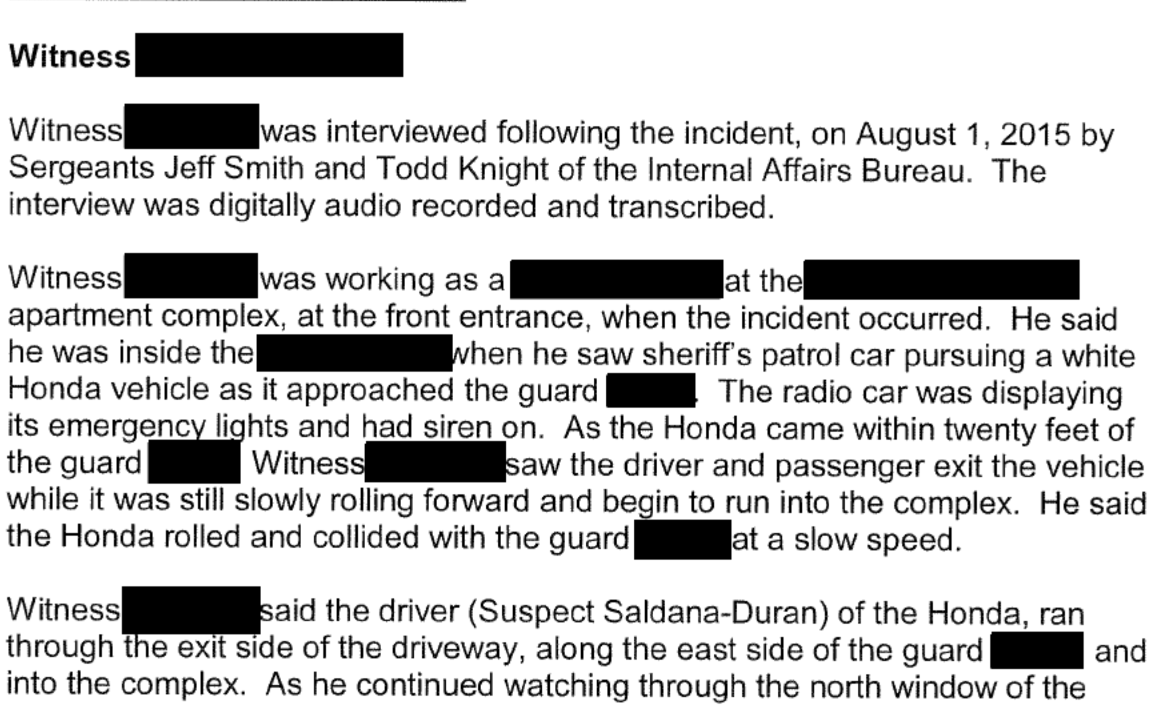
Witness Covarrubias said he did not see any weapons in the suspect's hands and did not hear any shouts of attention that the suspect had a gun. Witness Covarrubias added that during his foot pursuit of Suspect Avalos he did not broadcast anything over his radio.

Witness Covarrubias stated he heard one gunshot and then several others a few seconds later while he was running inside the apartment complex. He stated he then heard the "998" broadcasted over the radio. He did not witness the shooting.
Witness Covarrubias said his objective for pursuing Suspect Avalos was to contain him and/or lock him down to a building within the complex. He knew that the complex was surrounded with an eight to nine foot steel fence with only one way in and out, which is the main entrance they just came through.

He stated they lost sight of the Suspect Avalos near Building [redacted] and terminated their foot pursuit. He then added, essentially, the same details of the coordinated effort and arrest of Suspect Avalos, as Witness Aviles described in his interview statement. He said he did not use any force or witness any force used on Suspect Avalos.

During his interview with IAB investigators, Witness Covarrubias utilized a printed map and made markings on the map to assist in identifying locations and bring clarity to his statements. This map was identified with his name, date and signature (Refer to **Exhibit K**).

NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES



Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed following the incident, on August 1, 2015 by Sergeants Jeff Smith and Todd Knight of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed.

Witness [redacted] was working as a [redacted] at the [redacted] apartment complex, at the front entrance, when the incident occurred. He said he was inside the [redacted] when he saw sheriff's patrol car pursuing a white Honda vehicle as it approached the guard [redacted]. The radio car was displaying its emergency lights and had siren on. As the Honda came within twenty feet of the guard [redacted] Witness [redacted] saw the driver and passenger exit the vehicle while it was still slowly rolling forward and begin to run into the complex. He said the Honda rolled and collided with the guard [redacted] at a slow speed.

Witness [redacted] said the driver (Suspect Saldana-Duran) of the Honda, ran through the exit side of the driveway, along the east side of the guard [redacted] and into the complex. As he continued watching through the north window of the

guard [redacted] he saw a deputy run after the suspect. He also saw a second radio car arrive as the passenger (Suspect Avalos) of the Honda ran through the pedestrian gate on the west side of the guard [redacted] Witness [redacted] said three deputies chased after the passenger suspect, through the same gate.

Witness [redacted] said that a few seconds later he heard about two gunshots in quick succession as he stepped outside the [redacted] door at the south end. When asked if he saw either suspect carrying a gun he replied, "No." He said he did not witness the shooting.

Witness [redacted] said that a female resident of apartment [redacted] came up to the [redacted] and was screaming and crying about a suspect being in her house and that her kids were inside as well. He added that deputies heard her say this and assisted her.

Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed following the incident, on August 1, 2015 by Sergeants Jeff Smith and Todd Knight of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed.

Witness [redacted] said he was working as a [redacted] with Witness [redacted] inside [redacted] and [redacted] when he saw the suspect vehicle and radio cars approaching the guard [redacted] He stated he heard a deputy yell out their car window, "Pull over or I'll shoot you!" He said he watched as the two suspects jumped out of the car as it was still rolling, and then watched as it hit the guard shack.

Witness [redacted] saw each suspect run on opposing sides of the guard [redacted] and into the complex. He said one deputy ran after each suspect and then more deputies arrived and ran with them. He stated that a few seconds later he heard about four gunshots. Witness [redacted] added that as the deputy ran past the guard [redacted] he heard him shout out, "Stop or I'll Shoot!" He said he heard this through the walls of the guard [redacted]

Witness [redacted] said that a few minutes after the shooting, a woman approached him and was screaming and crying, saying that one of the suspects was inside her apartment, [redacted] and that her kids were in the apartment. He stated that deputies nearby heard her say this to him.

Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed following the incident, on August 1, 2015 by Sergeants Jeff Smith and Todd Knight of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed.

Witness [redacted] said she was in her apartment, [redacted] with friends, when a male Hispanic (Suspect Avalos) came in through the living room sliding glass door. She said he told them he, "needed to hide because the police was after him and he didn't want to go to jail." She said he was inside the apartment for about five minutes. She initially had moved her kids to a back bedroom and locked them in. The suspect went into a separate bedroom to hide.

Witness [redacted] said she then ran to the guard [redacted] and told the officers about the suspect hiding in her apartment. She stated she did not tell them her kids were in the apartment and that only the suspect was inside. She said she had moved her kids out of the apartment.

During the interview with Witness [redacted] she made no mention of hearing or seeing the shooting. She did not see a gun or any weapon in the hands of Suspect Avalos when he was inside her apartment.

Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed following the incident, on August 1, 2015 by Sergeants Jeff Smith and Todd Knight of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally audio recorded and transcribed.

Witness [redacted] said she was inside apartment [redacted] playing cards with Witness [redacted] when a male Hispanic entered the apartment through the sliding glass door. She said he told them he, "needed to hide because the police was after him and he didn't want to go to jail." She said she took all the kids and locked them in a back bedroom and told the suspect he had to leave. When the suspect started to hide in another room, she took the kids out of the apartment to a neighbor's apartment.

Witness [redacted] said she told the deputies that responded to the apartment, that she snuck the kids out of the house and there were no kids inside with the suspect. She said that the deputies went inside and arrested the suspect, walking him out of the apartment. She said the suspect did not appear to resist the deputies.

INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWS

Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Deputy Jorge Ortiz #[redacted], on the night of the incident, during a residential canvass for possible witnesses. Deputy Ortiz documented his contact with Witness [redacted] in a supplemental report (See **Exhibit B; page 1**). The interview was not recorded or transcribed. Below is a summary of the supplemental report.

Witness [redacted] said while she was walking with her mother, outside near her apartment, she saw a male Hispanic throw a handgun on the ground in front of her apartment front door, and then run toward the south wall of the apartment complex. Witness [redacted] said she could identify the male if she saw him again.

When she returned to her apartment, and once inside the apartment, she saw a male black, on a bicycle, ride near her front door and kick the handgun toward the wall of the apartment. The man then rode off and out of view.

A short time later, another male Black picked up the gun and wrapped it in a dark shirt and placed it under the stairs near her front door. The male then came back moments later and took the wrapped gun and walked west out of view. Witness [redacted] then called the Compton Sheriff's Station to report what she saw (Refer to Audio of call on **CD/DVD #2**).

Witness [redacted] added that she was with her mother during this time, however her mother, [redacted] could not identify any of the males that handled the gun.

> **IAB Note:** OSS detectives also conducted follow-up interviews of Witness [redacted] and documented their findings as part of their criminal investigation (Refer to **Exhibit M** – *OSS Supplemental Report).*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Video Surveillance Footage

Security video was obtained from the [redacted] apartment [redacted]. It is comprised of footage from numerous cameras throughout the complex. A few of the cameras captured portions of the incident however, none of the camera angles captured the actual shooting. Below is a time summary list of pertinent footage contained on the DVD. (Refer to **CD/DVD #1 and #6**).

• Main Entrance	21:30:07	Terminus of vehicle pursuit and deputies in foot pursuit.
• [redacted] Bldg. Crtyrd	Within first minute	Suspect running toward camera
• [redacted] Bldg. Prkng	21:30:38	Suspect running through parking lot

IAB Note: To load the video viewer, run "Aviglion View Exported Media Browser.exe" on **CD/DVD #1**, from a Department/PC computer. **CD/DVD #6,** contains a spliced rendition of two videos, back-to-back, when viewed, is a seamless and continuous single video of two separate videos segments.

Review of Radio Transmissions

Deputy Aviles broadcasted that he and Deputy [redacted] were in pursuit of a stolen car. The transmission described the suspect vehicle and occupants (2 male occupants), location and direction of travel, speed and traffic conditions. Deputy Aviles gave periodic updates with changes in direction of travel, traffic conditions, and speed.

IAB Note: Contained in file, "Export_2015-08-01(1) is recorded audio of the Compton Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Lucio, establishing the "Cold Line" with SCC (Refer to **CD/DVD #2**).

Several seconds later Deputy [redacted] broadcasted a deputy involved shooting had occurred and stated, "998." Deputy [redacted] described a suspect with a gun running southbound and he began to coordinate units to contain the area. Moments later a supervisor (Compton Field Sergeant, "280S") stated he was responding (Refer to **CD/DVD #2**).

IAB Note: Included in **CD/DVD #2** are several files of telephone conversations between Compton Station desk personnel, watch commander and SCC along with various incoming 9-1-1 calls.